

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-27. (Canceled).

28. (New) A data coincident method among IC tags attached on elements, comprising the steps of:

a first step for determining whether or not a previously defined event as a starting trigger of a coincidence processing has occurred among said IC tags;

a second step for acquiring with a number of said elements if said previously defined event has occurred at the first step;

a third step for said IC tags to transmit a coincidence request in the air if said previously defined event has occurred at the first step;

a fourth step for another element to transmit a coincidence request in the air;

a fifth step for said IC tags to transmit a common data to which said coincidence request has been made, responding said coincidence request at the third step or fourth step;

a sixth step for determining whether or not said common data must be updated; and

a seventh step for updating said common data using a data owned among IC tags in the majority, and return to first step.

29. (New) The data coincident method according to claim 22, wherein said majority is replaced with a largest number of times to be acquired at second step.

30. (New) The data coincident method according to claim 22, wherein said previously defined event as a starting trigger of a coincidence processing is entry/withdrawal of said element or to access to said common data held by said IC tags.

31. (New) The data coincident method according to claim 22, wherein an acquisition of said number of said elements in the second step, is made by using a survival signal which each IC tags periodically transmits.

32. (New) The data coincident method according to claim 22, wherein said common data in the fifth step is an element's price or an element's effective term held in said IC tag attached on said element.

33. (New) The data coincident method according to claim 22, further comprising after fifth step:

an eighth step for said IC tags to receive said common data;
wherein only data obtained at the eighth step are used in a determination at sixth step.